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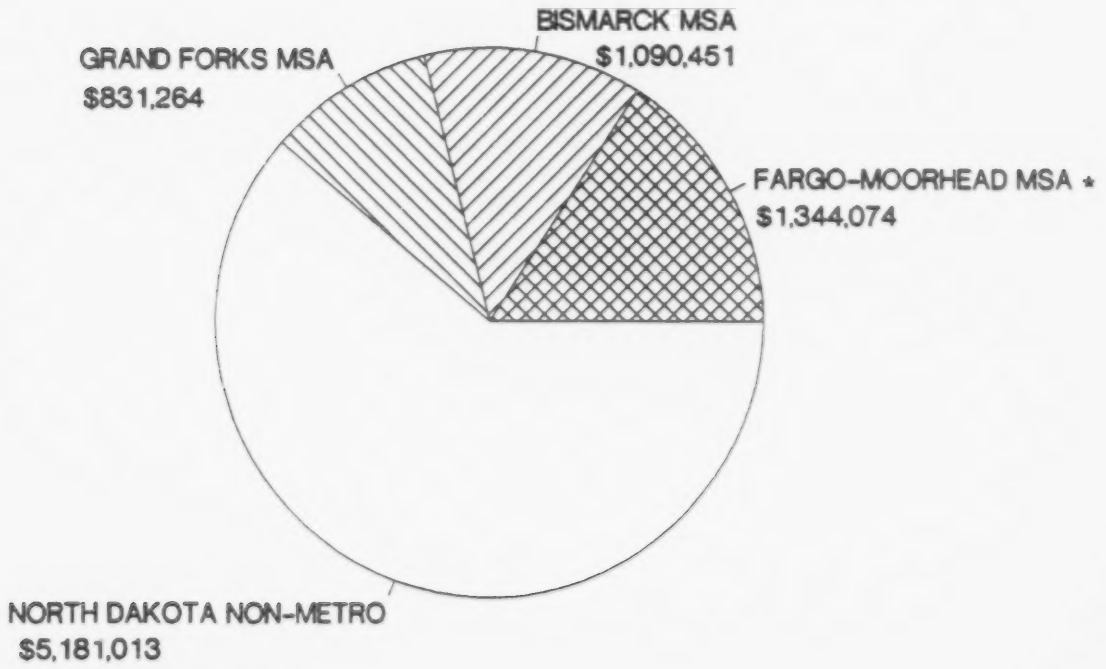

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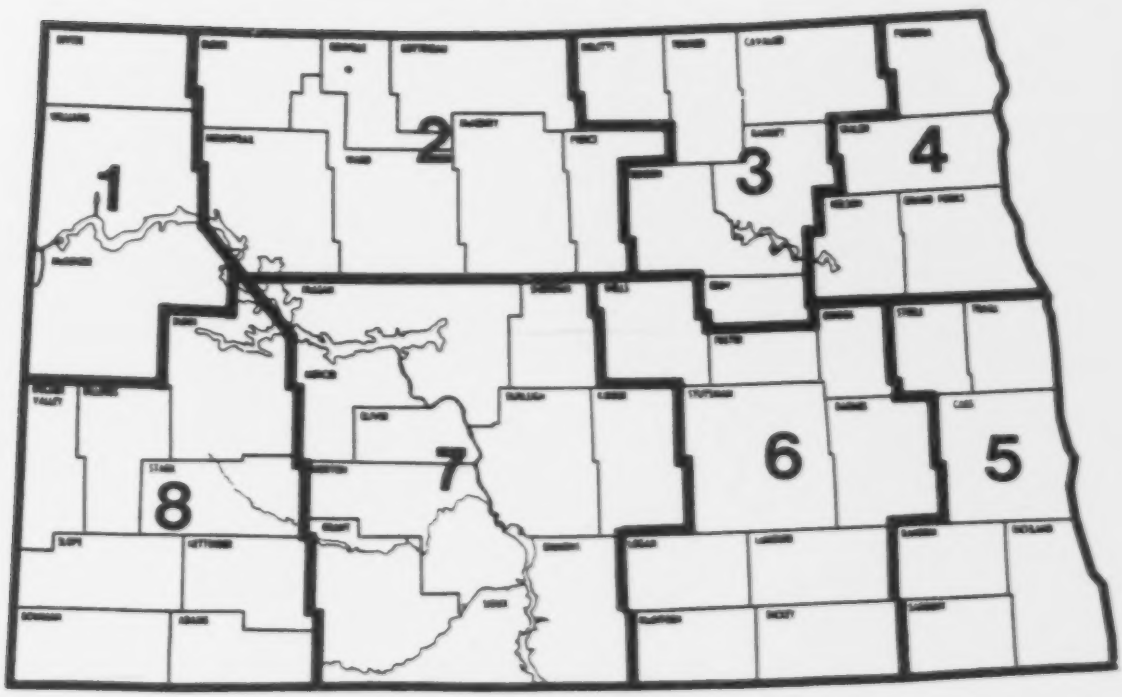

STATE PLANNING REGIONS

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PERSONAL AND PER CAPITA INCOME IN NORTH DAKOTA

Most people associate large numbers, especially when they involve money, with the federal government. These figures are normally found in news articles related to the budget or the national debt. However, dollar values running into the billions can also be found in North Dakota even though we are a sparsely populated, rural state.

The U. S. Department of Commerce produced a publication in July 1988 entitled, Local Area Personal Income, 1981-1986. It contains detailed income data for each county for the six years. At first glance, page after page of numbers does not excite the average reader. However, a little time spent in studying and comparing the data discloses some interesting information.

Personal income, which is income from all sources including wage and salary earnings, profit from business, interest income, dividends, and transfer payments, reached $8,446,802,000 in North Dakota in 1986. Growth has been continuous since 1981, ranging from 3.1% (1985/1986) to 7.7% (1983/1984). Although personal income in North Dakota rose by 26% between 1981 and 1986, it was well below the national increase of 40%. The metropolitan areas, with a more diversified economic base, fared better than the rural areas where the local economy hinges on the status or condition of the agricultural industry. Cass County income rose by 36.5%, followed by the Grand Forks and Bismarck Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA). There were, however, some rural counties that were up sharply due to higher income in the farm sector.

In 1986, nearly $4 out of every $10 was received by residents residing in the three "metropolitan" areas in the state. They include the North Dakota portion of the Fargo-Moorhead MSA (Cass County), Grand Forks MSA (Grand Forks County), and the Bismarck MSA (Burleigh and Morton Counties). The balance was received by residents residing in the "non-metro" areas of North Dakota.

Total personal farm income rose from $531.7 million in 1981 to $798.9 million in 1986 or slightly over 50%. Farm income, in this report, is not based on the value of products sold but rather on the current year's production. This figure is derived based on the change in farm inventories. This method measures the income that would be derived from current production and is not influenced by inventories that were produced in a previous year, stored and then sold during the current year. Similarly, products produced during the current year, stored and sold at a later date, would not affect the computation of current income.

Nonfarm personal income increased from $6,178.3 million in 1981 to $7,647.9 million in 1986. Changes within the planning regions in North Dakota illustrate the effect the downturn in the oil industry has had in the western part of the state. Region I, which includes Divide, McKenzie, and Williams counties in the northwest corner of the state, recorded a decrease in total nonfarm personal income between 1981 and 1986. The decline in the number of workers in the highly paid oil field occupations adversely affected the area, especially Williams and McKenzie counties, and resulted in a regional decline in the nonfarm segment of nearly 9%. Region VIII, in the southwest part of the state, recorded a very modest increase of less than 7%. This poor performance is also attributed to the drop in oil field activity. The other regions showed increases ranging from 21% in Region II to 35% in Region IV.

Total personal income, farm and nonfarm combined, rose from $6,709.9 million in 1981 to $8,446.8 million in 1986. This increase was slightly below 26% compared to the national growth of 40%. Because nonfarm personal income in North Dakota constitutes over 90% of total personal income, the changes follow the trend established by that sector. Region I total personal income dropped by 8%, while it rose by 7% in Region VIII, and the balance of the regions had increases ranging from 27% to 37%.

Per capita income is the total personal income of the residents of the area divided by the resident population. The average for the state was $12,437 in 1986 compared to $10,150 in 1981. In 1986, it ranged from a low of $11,624 in Region VIII to a high of $13,267 in Region V. The percent change from 1981 to 1986 for individual planning regions further substantiates the earlier findings of poorer economic conditions in the western part of the state. Region I per capita income dropped by 8%, while Region VIII posted a 7% increase. The other six regions, while still below the national average, recorded gains ranging from 27% to 36%.

The table below displays per capita income by planning region for 1986 and 1981.

	1986	1981	Percent Change
North Dakota	*$12,437*	*$10,150*	22.5%
Region I	12,231	13,314	-8.1%
Region II	12,222	9,661	26.5%
Region III	11,917	9,116	30.7%
Region IV	12,547	9,449	32.8%
Region V	13,267	10,004	32.6%
Region VI	12,374	9,063	36.5%
Region VII	12,129	9,570	26.7%
Region VIII	11,624	10,836	7.3%

North Dakota lagged behind the nation based on the percent of increase in total personal income and per capita income. The rate of increase at the national level between 1981 and 1986 was 34% compared to the gain in North Dakota of only 23%. Clearly, total personal and per capita earnings in our state have been more adversely affected by poor economic conditions than has the nation.

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NORTH DAKOTA

(ROUNDED TO FIFTY)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH SEPTEMBER 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH AUGUST 1988	ONE YEAR AGO SEPTEMBER 1987	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH AUGUST 1988	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR SEPT. 1987
TOTAL	258,600	255,500	256,100	1.2%	1.0%
MINING	4,300	4,300	4,450	0.0%	-3.4%
COAL	1,000	1,000	1,100	0.0%	-9.1%
CRUDE PET. & NAT. GAS	2,800	2,800	2,800	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER MINING	500	500	550	0.0%	-9.1%
CONSTRUCTION	11,800	12,200	13,300	-3.3%	-11.3%
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	2,800	3,000	3,200	-6.7%	-12.5%
STREET HIGHWAY & HEAVY	3,300	3,400	4,100	-2.9%	-19.5%
SPECIAL TRADE CONSTRUCTION	5,700	5,800	6,000	-1.7%	-5.0%
MANUFACTURING	16,550	16,000	16,500	3.4%	0.3%
DURABLE GOODS	7,100	7,000	6,850	1.4%	3.6%
STONE, CLAY & GLASS	750	750	800	0.0%	-6.3%
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	850	850	850	0.0%	0.0%
MACHINERY & TRANS. EQUIP.	4,200	4,100	4,000	2.4%	5.0%
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	1,300	1,300	1,200	0.0%	8.3%
NONDURABLE GOODS	9,450	9,000	9,650	5.0%	-2.1%
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	4,550	4,000	4,850	13.8%	-6.2%
DAIRY PRODUCTS	800	800	800	0.0%	0.0%
FOOD SPECIALITIES & CONFECTIONERY PRODUCTS	1,450	900	2,100	61.1%	-31.0%
BAKERY PRODUCTS	500	500	350	0.0%	42.9%
OTHER FOOD & KINDRED	1,800	1,800	1,600	0.0%	12.5%
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2,400	2,400	2,400	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	2,500	2,600	2,400	-3.8%	4.2%
TRANS. COMM. & UTILITIES	16,900	16,500	16,500	2.4%	2.4%
TRANSPORTATION	8,700	8,300	8,500	4.8%	2.4%
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSE	5,000	4,800	5,000	4.2%	0.0%
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	3,700	3,500	3,500	5.7%	5.7%
COMMUNICATION	3,400	3,400	3,200	0.0%	6.3%
UTILITIES	4,800	4,800	4,800	0.0%	0.0%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

NORTH DAKOTA

(Continued)

I N D U S T R I E S	CURRENT MONTH SEPTEMBER 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH AUGUST 1988	ONE YEAR AGO SEPTEMBER 1987	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH AUGUST 1988	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR SEPT. 1987
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,600	19,900	19,600	-1.5%	0.0%
DURABLE GOODS	9,100	9,300	9,200	-2.2%	-1.1%
NONDURABLE GOODS	10,500	10,600	10,400	-0.9%	1.0%
RETAIL TRADE	49,300	49,400	48,900	-0.2%	0.8%
GENERAL MERCHANDISE	6,400	6,300	6,300	1.6%	1.6%
FOOD STORES	6,800	6,800	6,700	0.0%	1.5%
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE ST.	6,600	6,700	6,700	-1.5%	-1.5%
APPAREL & ACCESSORIES	2,600	2,600	2,600	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER RETAIL	26,900	27,000	26,600	-0.4%	1.1%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	12,450	12,600	12,450	-1.2%	0.0%
FINANCE	6,700	6,700	6,800	0.0%	-1.5%
BANKING	4,200	4,200	4,200	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER FINANCE	2,500	2,500	2,600	0.0%	-3.8%
INSURANCE	3,900	4,000	3,800	-2.5%	2.6%
REAL ESTATE	1,850	1,900	1,850	-2.6%	0.0%
SERVICES	64,700	64,400	61,800	0.5%	4.7%
LODGING	4,400	4,400	4,400	0.0%	0.0%
HEALTH SERVICES	27,100	27,300	26,400	-0.7%	2.7%
NURSING CARE & HOSPITALS	19,900	20,100	19,500	-1.0%	2.1%
OTHER MEDICAL SERVICES	7,200	7,200	6,900	0.0%	4.3%
OTHER SERVICES	33,200	32,700	31,000	1.5%	7.1%
GOVERNMENT	63,000	60,200	62,600	4.7%	0.6%
FEDERAL	10,500	10,400	10,400	1.0%	1.0%
STATE GOVERNMENT	18,300	17,300	18,400	5.8%	-0.5%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	11,300	9,900	11,200	14.1%	0.9%
OTHER STATE GOVERNMENT	7,000	7,400	7,200	-5.4%	-2.8%
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	34,200	32,500	33,800	5.2%	1.2%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	16,100	13,000	15,900	23.8%	1.3%
OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18,100	19,500	17,900	-7.2%	1.1%

NONAGRICULTURAL

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	ONE YEAR AGO	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA	SEPTEMBER 1988	AUGUST 1988	SEPTEMBER 1987	AUGUST 1988	SEPT. 1987
TOTAL	73,100	71,200	71,000	2.7%	3.0%
MINING CONSTRUCTION	4,300	4,400	4,000	-2.3%	7.5%
MANUFACTURING	4,800	4,800	5,100	0.0%	-5.9%
DURABLE GOODS	2,000	2,000	2,200	0.0%	-9.1%
NONDURABLE GOODS	2,800	2,800	2,900	0.0%	-3.4%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	5,100	5,000	4,600	2.0%	10.9%
TRADE	21,700	21,400	21,200	1.4%	2.4%
WHOLESALE TRADE	6,600	6,600	6,700	0.0%	-1.5%
RETAIL TRADE	15,100	14,800	14,500	2.0%	4.1%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4,600	4,600	4,500	0.0%	2.2%
SERVICES	19,000	19,200	18,100	-1.0%	5.0%
GOVERNMENT	13,600	11,800	13,500	15.3%	0.7%
FEDERAL	2,100	2,100	2,200	0.0%	-4.5%
STATE & LOCAL	11,500	9,700	11,300	18.6%	1.8%
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	29,850	28,800	29,900	3.6%	-0.2%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,550	1,650	2,000	-6.1%	-22.5%
MANUFACTURING	1,750	1,300	1,650	34.6%	6.1%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	1,550	1,450	1,600	6.9%	-3.1%
TRADE	8,450	8,400	8,400	0.6%	0.6%
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,550	1,600	1,500	-3.1%	3.3%
RETAIL TRADE	6,900	6,800	6,900	1.5%	0.0%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,150	1,200	1,150	-4.2%	0.0%
SERVICES	6,900	6,800	6,800	1.5%	1.5%
GOVERNMENT	8,500	8,000	8,300	6.3%	2.4%
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	38,050	37,650	37,450	1.1%	1.6%
MINING	200	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	1,850	1,850	2,000	0.0%	-7.5%
MANUFACTURING	2,100	2,100	2,000	0.0%	5.0%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	2,700	2,700	2,700	0.0%	0.0%
TRADE	9,800	9,900	9,900	-1.0%	-1.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	2,100	2,100	2,200	0.0%	-4.5%
RETAIL TRADE	7,700	7,800	7,700	-1.3%	0.0%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,600	1,600	1,650	0.0%	-3.0%
SERVICES	11,200	11,000	10,600	1.8%	5.7%
GOVERNMENT	8,600	8,300	8,400	3.6%	2.4%

LABOR FORCE

NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	September 1988	August 1988	September 1987	Percent Change From August 1988	Percent Change From September 1987
UNITED STATES					
(In Thousands)					
Labor Force	123,628	123,723	121,706	-0.1%	1.6%
Employment	117,032	116,872	114,615	0.1%	2.1%
Unemployment	6,596	6,851	7,091	-3.7%	-7.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.3%	5.5%	5.8%	xxx	xxx
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	332,070	337,300	332,280	-1.6%	-0.1%
Employment	319,130	322,740	321,420	-1.1%	-0.7%
Unemployment	12,940	14,560	10,860	-11.1%	19.2%
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	4.3%	3.3%	xxx	xxx
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	86,260	86,250	84,800	0.0%	1.7%
Employment	84,210	83,850	82,630	0.4%	1.9%
Unemployment	2,050	2,400	2,170	-14.6%	-5.5%
Unemployment Rate	2.4%	2.8%	2.6%	xxx	xxx
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	36,530	36,430	36,500	0.3%	0.1%
Employment	35,300	34,650	35,560	1.9%	-0.7%
Unemployment	1,230	1,780	940	-30.9%	30.9%
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	4.9%	2.6%	xxx	xxx
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	44,870	46,210	44,890	-2.9%	0.0%
Employment	43,070	44,200	43,360	-2.6%	-0.7%
Unemployment	1,800	2,010	1,530	-10.4%	17.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	4.3%	3.4%	xxx	xxx

U. S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

AUGUST 1988
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	337.3	364.0	2,338.8	400.3
Employment	322.7	349.7	2,254.1	377.4
Unemployment	14.6	14.3	84.7	22.9
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	3.9%	3.6%	5.7%

UNITED STATES

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. 1988	August 1988	Sept. 1987	Sept. 1988	August 1988	Sept. 1987	Sept. 1988	August 1988	Sept. 1987
Manufacturing	425.18	413.91	407.59	41.4	40.9	40.8	10.27	10.12	9.99
Durable Goods	453.60	440.91	431.14	42.0	41.4	41.1	10.80	10.65	10.49
Nondurable Goods	385.56	377.88	374.79	40.5	40.2	40.3	9.52	9.40	9.30

NORTH DAKOTA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. 1988	August 1988	Sept. 1987	Sept. 1988	August 1988	Sept. 1987	Sept. 1988	August 1988	Sept. 1987
Manufacturing	322.10	329.78	329.26	38.3	39.4	38.6	8.41	8.37	8.53
Durable Goods	349.92	351.70	351.04	40.5	40.8	39.8	8.64	8.62	8.82
Nondurable Goods	302.86	313.34	315.71	36.8	38.4	37.9	8.23	8.16	8.33
Food & Kindred	314.26	331.63	326.76	38.0	40.1	38.9	8.27	8.27	8.40
Printing and Publishing	261.56	271.04	265.96	30.7	31.7	31.4	8.52	8.55	8.47

FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. 1988	August 1988	Sept. 1987	Sept. 1988	August 1988	Sept. 1987	Sept. 1988	August 1988	Sept. 1987
Manufacturing	341.25	338.08	333.21	40.1	40.2	38.3	8.51	8.41	8.70
Durable Goods	333.66	324.82	341.52	40.2	40.2	39.3	8.30	8.08	8.69
Nondurable Goods	347.27	347.73	327.12	40.1	40.2	37.6	8.66	8.65	8.70

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

(1982-84=100) ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

ITEM	Annual Average 1987	Sept 1988	August 1988	Sept 1987	Percent Change From August 1988	Percent Change From Sept 1987
All Items	113.6	119.8	119.0	115.0	0.7%	4.2%
Food & Beverage	113.5	120.1	119.4	114.2	0.6%	5.2%
Housing	114.2	119.9	119.5	115.6	0.3%	3.7%
Apparel & Upkeep	110.6	117.8	112.6	113.3	4.6%	4.0%
Transportation	105.4	109.7	109.6	106.6	0.1%	2.9%
Medical Care	130.1	140.4	139.9	131.7	0.4%	6.6%
Entertainment	115.3	121.3	120.7	116.1	0.5%	4.5%

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX

UNITED STATES AVERAGE

ITEM	Annual Average 1987	Sept 1988	August 1988	Sept 1987	Percent Change From August 1988	Percent Change From Sept 1987
All Commodities	102.8	108.1	108.0	103.7	0.1%	4.2%
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	103.7	114.0	112.6	104.5	1.2%	9.1%
Industrial Commodities	102.6	106.9	107.1	103.5	-0.2%	3.3%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	Sept. 1988	Aug. 1988	Sept. 1987	Sept. 1988	Aug. 1988	Sept. 1987	Sept. 1988	Aug. 1988	Sept. 1987	Sept. 1988	Aug. 1988	Sept. 1987
Divide	1,489	1,542	1,607	1,447	1,515	1,561	42	27	46	2.8%	1.8%	2.9%
McKenzie	3,139	3,191	3,144	3,003	3,034	3,034	136	157	110	4.3%	4.9%	3.5%
Williams	11,502	11,942	11,310	10,937	11,428	10,607	565	514	703	4.9%	4.3%	6.2%
REGION 1	16,130	16,675	16,061	15,387	15,977	15,202	743	698	859	4.6%	4.2%	5.3%
Bottineau	3,682	3,727	3,778	3,521	3,549	3,642	161	178	136	4.4%	4.8%	3.6%
Burke	1,424	1,395	1,424	1,357	1,339	1,352	67	56	72	4.7%	4.0%	5.1%
McHenry	2,702	2,762	2,729	2,503	2,580	2,569	199	182	160	7.4%	6.6%	5.9%
Mountrail	3,298	3,398	3,444	3,090	3,161	3,264	208	237	180	6.3%	7.0%	5.2%
Pierce	2,527	2,649	2,613	2,450	2,579	2,538	77	70	75	3.0%	2.6%	2.9%
Renville	1,333	1,347	1,343	1,289	1,295	1,288	44	52	55	3.3%	3.9%	4.1%
Ward	25,734	26,258	25,592	24,558	25,098	24,675	1,176	1,160	917	4.6%	4.4%	3.6%
REGION 2	40,700	41,536	40,923	38,768	39,601	39,328	1,932	1,935	1,595	4.7%	4.7%	3.9%
Benson	3,583	3,551	3,235	3,395	3,351	3,055	188	200	180	5.2%	5.6%	5.6%
Cavalier	2,735	2,808	2,753	2,634	2,719	2,686	101	89	67	3.7%	3.2%	2.4%
Eddy	1,364	1,400	1,446	1,305	1,339	1,384	59	61	62	4.3%	4.4%	4.3%
Ramsey	6,405	6,687	6,715	6,192	6,457	6,511	213	230	204	3.3%	3.4%	3.0%
Rolette	4,781	5,002	4,741	4,015	3,988	4,228	766	1,014	513	16.0%	20.3%	10.8%
Towner	1,715	1,753	1,856	1,678	1,710	1,840	37	43	16	2.2%	2.5%	0.9%
REGION 3	20,583	21,201	20,746	19,219	19,564	19,706	1,364	1,637	1,042	6.6%	7.7%	5.0%
Grand Forks	36,530	36,430	36,488	35,300	34,649	35,563	1,230	1,781	925	3.4%	4.9%	2.5%
Nelson	1,939	1,971	1,998	1,885	1,913	1,951	54	58	47	2.8%	2.9%	2.4%
Pembina	5,570	5,489	5,258	5,128	4,957	5,016	442	532	242	7.9%	9.7%	4.6%
Walsh	8,504	8,357	8,177	8,152	7,893	7,945	352	464	232	4.1%	5.6%	2.8%
REGION 4	52,543	52,247	51,921	50,465	49,412	50,475	2,078	2,835	1,446	4.0%	5.4%	2.8%
Cass	60,792	60,577	59,940	59,372	59,041	58,563	1,420	1,536	1,377	2.3%	2 .	2.3%
Ransom	2,781	2,930	2,814	2,697	2,831	2,725	84	99	89	3.0%	3.4%	3.2%
Richland	9,348	9,495	9,068	8,912	9,004	8,798	436	491	270	4.7%	5.2%	3.0%
Sargent	2,568	2,653	2,571	2,531	2,612	2,508	37	41	63	1.4%	1.5%	2.5%
Steele	1,180	1,232	1,233	1,141	1,202	1,206	39	30	27	3.3%	2.4%	2.2%
Traill	4,811	4,641	4,712	4,491	4,282	4,523	320	359	189	6.7%	7.7%	4.0%
REGION 5	81,480	81,528	80,338	79,144	78,972	78,323	2,336	2,556	2,015	2.9%	3.1%	2.5%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	Sept. 1988	Aug. 1988	Sept. 1987	Sept. 1988	Aug. 1988	Sept. 1987	Sept. 1988	Aug. 1988	Sept. 1987	Sept. 1988	Aug. 1988	Sept. 1987
Barnes	6,219	6,293	6,480	6,055	6,099	6,375	164	194	105	2.6%	3.1%	1.6%
Dickey	3,134	3,220	3,270	3,062	3,124	3,183	72	96	87	2.3%	3.0%	2.7%
Foster	2,224	2,275	2,207	2,165	2,204	2,145	59	71	62	2.7%	3.1%	2.8%
Griggs	1,540	1,560	1,594	1,500	1,524	1,583	40	36	11	2.6%	2.3%	0.7%
La Moure	2,464	2,491	2,577	2,412	2,433	2,545	52	58	32	2.1%	2.3%	1.2%
Logan	1,497	1,507	1,501	1,477	1,491	1,489	20	16	12	1.3%	1.1%	0.8%
McIntosh	2,246	2,348	2,282	2,218	2,315	2,236	28	33	46	1.2%	1.4%	2.0%
Stutsman	12,243	12,501	12,376	11,958	12,150	12,100	285	351	276	2.3%	2.8%	2.2%
Wells	2,956	2,972	2,972	2,842	2,876	2,883	114	96	89	3.9%	3.2%	3.0%
REGION 6	34,523	35,167	35,259	33,689	34,216	34,539	834	951	720	2.4%	2.7%	2.0%
Burleigh	32,792	33,679	32,858	31,520	32,345	31,733	1,272	1,334	1,125	3.9%	4.0%	3.4%
Emmons	2,190	2,238	2,265	2,116	2,179	2,211	74	59	54	3.4%	2.6%	2.4%
Grant	1,941	2,039	2,009	1,867	1,956	1,926	74	83	83	3.8%	4.1%	4.1%
Kidder	1,546	1,562	1,581	1,514	1,522	1,521	32	40	60	2.1%	2.6%	3.8%
McLean	4,564	4,688	4,929	4,329	4,414	4,718	235	274	211	5.1%	5.8%	4.3%
Mercer	5,559	5,671	5,588	5,261	5,366	5,318	298	305	270	5.4%	5.4%	4.8%
Morton	12,080	12,526	12,000	11,549	11,851	11,627	531	675	373	4.4%	5.4%	3.1%
Oliver	1,162	1,237	1,042	1,097	1,139	1,006	65	98	36	5.6%	7.9%	3.5%
Sheridan	1,208	1,261	1,167	1,163	1,220	1,139	45	41	28	3.7%	3.3%	2.4%
Sioux	1,389	1,421	1,444	1,305	1,245	1,308	84	176	136	6.0%	12.4%	9.4%
REGION 7	64,431	66,322	64,883	61,721	63,237	62,507	2,710	3,085	2,376	4.2%	4.7%	3.7%
Adams	1,712	1,804	1,821	1,670	1,760	1,794	42	44	27	2.5%	2.4%	1.5%
Billings	957	1,211	820	929	1,192	808	28	19	12	2.9%	1.6%	1.5%
Bowman	2,170	2,244	2,202	2,088	2,161	2,151	82	83	51	3.8%	3.7%	2.3%
Dunn	1,721	1,828	1,738	1,625	1,689	1,612	96	139	126	5.6%	7.6%	7.2%
Golden Valley	1,049	1,079	1,114	1,036	1,051	1,089	13	28	25	1.2%	2.6%	2.2%
Hettinger	1,931	1,982	1,889	1,879	1,923	1,851	52	59	38	2.7%	3.0%	2.0%
Slope	445	483	514	437	476	475	8	7	39	1.8%	1.4%	7.6%
Stark	11,698	11,996	12,051	11,073	11,510	11,564	625	486	487	5.3%	4.1%	4.0%
REGION 8	21,683	22,627	22,149	20,737	21,762	21,344	946	865	805	4.4%	3.8%	3.6%
STATE TOTAL	332,073	337,303	332,280	319,130	322,741	321,422	12,943	14,562	10,858	3.9%	4.3%	3.3%

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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